



**A Guide to
Federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and
Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P)
Designations in Washington State**

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Introduction

Federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Area (MUA) designations establish initial eligibility for federal and state resources to improve access to health care in underserved areas. The Office of Community and Rural Health (OCRH) works with local partners in Washington State to prepare designation requests for federal review and to educate providers, citizens and policy makers on shortage area designations and affects on access to health care.

What is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area (MUA)? Are they different?

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) can be established for:

- primary care physicians (family and general practitioners, pediatricians, obstetricians/gynecologists, and general internists in medical or osteopathic practice);
- primary dental care; or
- mental health care.

There are five major types of HPSAs:

- Geographic HPSAs (a shortage for the total population).
- Population HPSAs (an underserved population within a geographic are). Eligible populations include:
 - Low-income populations (defined as the population with incomes at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Levels (FPL),
 - Migrant (or migrant and seasonal) farmworkers and families,
 - Native Americans (American Indians or Alaska natives) that are not automatically designated, or
 - Other populations isolated from access by means of specified language, cultural barriers, or handicaps.
- Facility HPSA designations (Public or non-profit facilities located outside a HPSA but which provides access to HPSA residents or established Rural Health Clinics or Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Federally-recognized tribes
- Federal and state correctional facilities.

The [federal rules and regulations governing shortage area designation](#) are complex. In general, a shortage area can be a county or sub-county area consisting of one or more census tracts or census civil divisions [CCDs]. An area qualifies if the ratio of the population to health care providers exceeds a specified threshold (3,000 or 3,500 or more people per primary care physician or 4,000 to 5,000 persons per primary care dentists) and it can be shown that care is not available in nearby areas. Federal rules specify what data must be used, how boundaries are drawn, and whether nearby resources are considered accessible. HPSA designations must be updated on a 3-4 year cycle.

Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) and Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs) are only available for primary care. Unlike HPSAs MUA/MUPs do not expire. An area is designated as an MUA/MUP based on whether an area exceeds a score for an Index of Medical Underservice (IMU). The IMU is an index value based on the infant mortality rate, poverty rates, percentage of elderly, and primary

care physician to population ratios. As with HPSA designations, an area (MUA) or a population (MUP) may be designated.

New Developments (March 2006)

A preliminary schedule of Washington State counties scheduled for Health Professional Shortage Area updates is available in the January - February 2006 HPSA Activity Digest. To receive monthly/bi-monthly HPSA activity updates by e-mail contact Laura Olexa at the Office of Community and Rural Health

As of December 2004, federal rules now classify geriatric physicians as primary care providers for shortage area designation.

What are the benefits of HPSA/MUA Designation?

More than thirty federal and state programs use Health Professional Shortage Area and/or Medically Underserved Areas to establish eligibility or target resources. The following table summarizes requirements for some of the benefits linked to designations. Each of these programs has additional requirements. To learn more follow the links under the heading program or go to Appendix 1

Table 1: Program Which Use HPSAs or MUAs to establish eligibility

Program	Designation Type Required or Helpful	
	HPSA	MUA
New Federally Qualified Health Center	Any are helpful	Must have
New Rural Health Clinic	Any Primary Care*	Any*
J-1 Visa Waiver Program	Any Primary Care**	Whole County
HPSA Medicare Bonus Payments	Geographic Primary Care***	
Physician Scarcity Area Payments	Not Required	Not Required
National Health Service Corps	Provider specific**	
State Loan Repayment and Scholarship	Not Required	Not Required

* Designation valid until December 31 of the third calendar year from date of federal approval

** There are requirements for serving the designated population

*** Must be listed on [Noridian Medicare Website](#)

Is my facility located in a designated HPSA or MUA?

Designations are listed by provider type and county in Tables 2 – 4 on the following page. MUA designations are listed in Table 5. If the designation approval date is within three years or there is a notation in the column headed “Application to HRSA” we recommend that you contact Laura Olexa at the Office of Community and Rural Health at 360-236-2811 or laura.olexa@doh.wa.gov to verify current status.

Some designations include only part of a county. Part-county designations are defined using 2000 census tracts boundaries. Designated tracts are listed under the column headed geographic units. To determine whether the address of your facility is located in a designated census tract we suggest using either FFIEC geocoding system <http://www.ffiec.gov/geocode/default.htm> or the Department of Health Geocoding Website <http://ww4.doh.wa.gov/gis/mapping.htm>. The Federal Bureau of Health Professions Shortage Designation Branch <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/> also maintains a searchable national list of designations. Washington State HPSA and MUA maps are available through the [Health Care Infrastructure Mapping Website](#). These maps are updated on a yearly basis and may not reflect the current status of your area.

In addition to the location information the designation tables include the Federal ID number and the HRSA score. The Federal ID number should be provided when grants or program asks for a designation or HPSA ID number. The HRSA score, a federally derived index based on several factors is used by the National Health Service Corp to establish priorities for scholars and loan re-payers.

How Do I Get My Area Designated?

For information on how to get your area or facility designated contact Laura Olexa, Health Care Access Analyst at 360-236-2811 or email at: Laura.Olexa@doh.wa.gov

Designation is voluntary and depends on local and state efforts to maintain the system. The Office of Community and Rural Health conducts comprehensive provider surveys by county to assess designation eligibility on a 3 to 4 year cycle. In large urban counties these surveys are contingent on finding local sponsors for the survey. We work with **local partners** (typically the local public health jurisdiction) to:

- administer a detailed survey and assessment of available provider capacity required to determine eligibility.
- bring all those who might be affected by the designation to the table for education and to provide direction on what the appropriate designation strategy is for the community.

The **Office of Community and Rural Health** has taken an active role in coordinating the federal shortage area system in Washington State. The Office:

- provides technical assistance and survey tools for collecting required data.
- conducts an assessment of designation options.
- works with communities to determine the preferred designation strategy.
- prepares designation requests and updates for federal review and follows up through the review process.

- notifies those affected of changes in designation status and educates providers and the public on how changes in federal rules will affect federal and state programs and services.

The Office of Community and Rural Health uses the data collected as part of the HPSA provider inventory with supplemental to assess access to primary care health services at the local level. These assessments and related research is available at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/har/hcresrch.htm>

The Federal Shortage Designation Branch, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Systems Administration (HRSA) administers this program including;

- setting rules and procedures for shortage area designation,
- reviewing and approving designation requests, and
- notifying states of final decisions.

They can be reached at:

Shortage Designation Branch
National Center for Health Workforce Analysis
Bureau of Health Professions
Parklawn Building, Room 8C-26
5600 Fisher Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857
301/594-0816 (Office number)
1-800-400-BPHC (general designation information.)
301/594-4988 FAX
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/>

The Shortage Designation Branch does not rule on whether, or how, specific programs use shortage area designation to establish eligibility. Eligibility requirements for federal programs are established by Congress and implemented by federal agencies according to program specific administrative policies.

How long does it take to get an area designated?

This varies. Shortage area designation requires a comprehensive inventory of providers, and if possible local agreement on appropriate designation strategy. This process can take three months to a year or more (in some urban areas). The speed of this process depends on local interest, participation, and Office of Community and Rural Health staff availability. To ensure we do not miss updates we begin the designation process 8-12 month prior to expiration (October). Once we have the data and direction from the community – we typically complete designation paperwork within 1 – 4 weeks.

As of January 2006 the delay in federal review is 6 - 9 months, and in some cases longer. When the SDB is satisfied that designation criteria are met, the SDB posts the update on their website and mails an approval letter to OCRH. Where possible, OCRH notifies affected organizations of changes in designation status.

When will my facility be eligible for HPSA related benefits?

For NEW Rural Health Clinic certifications meet the HPSA requirement on the date of SDB approval letter until December 31 of the third year after the approval date. This federal requirement means that in some case an area which has an approved shortage designation may not meet requirements for Rural Health Clinic certification.

Eligibility for HPSA Medicare Bonus Payments requires that the designation be listed on the [Noridian Medicare Website](#) – which lags designation approval by 3 to 6 months. Payments are made automatically for whole county Geographic HPSAs as of January 1, 2005. Areas with part county HPSAs may need to bill with the appropriate modifier.

For programs administered by the Bureau of Health Professions and Bureau of Primary Care – which include National Health Service Corp and other health professions training grants, designations are effective from the date of the approval letter until a designation is officially withdrawn by the SDB. Designations are withdrawn if updated data is not submitted by October of the 4th year from the approval date. Areas retain eligibility for these programs while update requests are under Federal review.

Are HPSAs or MUAs an accurate measure of access to health care?

The Office of Community and Rural Health does not recommend using Health Professional Shortage Area Designation system as a systematic measure of access to health care. Designation is voluntary, subject to changing federal rules and administrative procedures, and conducted on a multi-year cycle across the state. See the [Health Care Access Research Website](#) for more accurate information on access to care.

Table 2
PRIMARY CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS
BY COUNTY

County	Additional County	Primary Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Adams		Low-Income	Ritzville, Lind	Ct 9501, 9502	10/28/2005		530N	11
Asotin		No Designation						
Benton	Franklin	Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	Benton and Franklin County	Entire County	7/17/2002		531F	7
Chelan	Douglas	Migrant	Chelan and Douglas County	Entire County	4/18/2003		5325	13
Clallam	Jefferson	Geographic With High Needs	Clallam: Neah Bay, Forks, Jefferson: West End	Clallam: Cts: 9801- 9804; Jefferson: Ct: 9501	12/23/2004		5333	9
Clallam		Low-Income/Homeless	Port Angeles/Sequim-Elwah	Ct. 9806-9823	3/23/2006		5359	9
Clark		Low-Income - Homeless	Central Vancouver	Cts: 407.03, 407.06, 410.02-.03, 410.05, 410.07, 410.09, 411.04-.05, 411.07-.10, 412.01, 412.03, 412.05-.06, 413.12-.23, 416-421, 423-431	3/02/2006		530C	3
Clark		Low-Income	Camas	Cts: 405.07, 405.09, 414-415	10/25/2005		530B	12
Clark		Geographic	Amboy, Yacolt, La Center, Ridgefield	Cts: 401.01, 401.02, 402.01, 402.02, 402.03, 403	2/22/2006		53D5	11
Columbia		Low-Income - Migrant	Columbia County	Entire County	2/02/2006		530Z	8
Cowlitz		Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	Cowlitz County	Entire County	5/20/2002		531C	8
Douglas		See Chelan						
Ferry		Geographic	Ferry County	Entire County	2/2/2001	11/7/2005 (renewal)	53019	16
Franklin		See Benton						
Garfield		Geographic	Garfield County	Entire County	2/25/2002	5/19/2006 (Renewal)	53023	11
Grant		Geographic	Lower Grant County (Royal City, Mattawa)	Ct: 9814	10/27/2003		5335	17
Grant	Okanogan	Geographic	Upper Grant County (Coulee City to Nespelem)	Cts: Grant: 9801, Okanogan: 9701	9/15/2003		5337	12
Grant		Migrant Farmworker	Central Grant County (Moses Lake, Soap Lake, George, Ephrata, Quincy, Warden)	Cts: 9802- 9813	10/27/2003		531R	14
Grays Harbor		Low-Income/Migrant	Grays Harbor County	Entire County	3/2/2004		532L	8
Island		Low-Income	Whidbey Island (excluding Camano Is.)	Cts: 9701- 9713, 9718 – 9721	3/15/2002		530K	13
Jefferson		Low-Income/Homeless	Port Townsend, Quilcene Bay	Cts: 9502.01, 9502.02, 9503 – 9505, 9506.01, 9506.02	8/9/2002		5395	8

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Jefferson		See Clallam						
Kitsap		Low-Income	Bremerton/Port Orchard	Cts: 801.01-803, 805-807, 808-809, 810-812, 814, 921, 922-924, 925	11/10/2004		5379	6
Kittitas		Geographic	Cle Elum	Cts: 9751, 9752	11/5/2003		5302	10
Kittitas		Low-income Migrant - Homeless	Ellensburg	Cts: 9753, 9754.01, 9754.02, 9755, 9756, 9757	5/7/2002		531A	13
Klickitat		No Designation						
Lewis		Geographic	Morton	Cts: 9717-9720	6/5/2003		5356	12
Lewis		Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	Western Lewis (Centralia, Chehalis, Winlock, Pe Ell)	Cts: 9701-9716	11/7/2002		5381	7
Lincoln		Low-Income	Lincoln County	Entire County	2/02/2006		530M	9
Mason		Geographic	Mason County	Entire County	7/13/2006		53045	6
Okanogan		Geographic	West Okanogan (Twisp, Winthrop)	Cts: 9709, 9710	4/14/2005		5363	11
Okanogan		Geographic	North Okanogan County (Oroville, Tonasket, Wauconda)	Cts: 9703, 9704	10/28/2005		53D4	12
Okanogan		Low-Income	Central Okanogan County (Omak, Conconully, Riverside, Okanogan)	Cts: 9705, 9706, 9707	2/13/2006		5324	8
Okanogan		Low-Income/Migrant	South Okanogan County (Brewster, part Colville Res.)	Cts: 9702, 9708	4/22/2005		532U	17
Pacific		Geographic	East Pacific County (Raymond, Naselle)	Cts 9502, 9503, 9504	6/18/2003		5398	12
Pacific		Low-Income	West Pacific County (Long Beach, Ocean Beach)	Cts: 9505-9508	6/18/2003		530R	11
Pend Oreille		Geographic	Pend Oreille County	Entire County	5/26/2006		53051	15
Pierce		Low-Income	Lakewood	Cts: 714.03, 714.08-714.11, 715.03-715.06, 717.03- 17.07, 718.03-718.06, 719.01- 19.02, 720, 721.05-721.08, 723.06 - 723.08	4/30/2001		5382	7
Pierce		Low-Income	Ft. Lewis/McCord	Cts: 714.03, 714.08-714.11, 715.03-715.06, 718.06, 720, 721.08, 729.01, 729.04		1/11/2006 (New)		
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Pierce		Geographic	Longbranch	Cts: 726.01, 726.02, 726.03, 727.00	5/1/2001		5316	12
Pierce		Geographic	Lake Bay Peninsula	Cts: 726.02, 726.03		12/12/2005 (New)		
Pierce		Low-Income	Eastside Tacoma	Cts: 618-626, 628.01-628.02, 629-635.02	9/17/2001		5383	10
Pierce		Low-Income	Eastside Tacoma	Cts: 618-625, 631-635.02, 716.01-716.02, 717.03-717.17		4/17/2006 (Revised)		
Pierce		Geographic	Buckley	Cts: 701, 702.04, 702.05, 702.06, 702.07		12/23/2005 (New)		
Pierce		Low-Income	Tacoma, Ft. Lewis, Du Pont and Roy	Cts: 721.09, 721.11- 721.12, 728, 729.03, 729.04, 730.01	9/12/2001		530W	15
Pierce		Geographic	Eatonville/Roy	Cts: 730.01, 730.05, 730.06, 731.17, 731.19, 732	9/6/2006		530U	12
Pierce		See King						
San Juan		Geographic	San Juan Island	Cts: 9603, 9604	1/20/2004		532D	13
San Juan		Geographic	Lopez Island	Ct: 9605	8/29/2003		531N	11
San Juan		Geographic	Orcas Island	Ct: 9601	8/29/2003		531M	9
Skagit		Geographic	Concrete	Ct: 9511	6/27/2003		5314	12
Skagit		Low-Income - Migrant	West Skagit County	Cts: 9501-9510, 9512-9527	12/19/2002		5323	12
Skamania		Geographic	Skamania County	Entire County	9/28/2001	11/15/2005 (Renewal)	53059	11
Snohomish		Geographic	Sultan, Gold Bar, Index	Cts: 538.01-538.03	7/14/2004		532M	4
Snohomish		Geographic	Darrington	Ct: 0537	7/13/2006		5334	9
Snohomish		Native American	Tulalip Indian Reservation	Ct 530.01, 530.02	7/2/2002		531E	4
Snohomish		Low-Income - Homeless	North Everett	Cts: 401-408	6/15/2005		532W	4
Spokane		Geographic	Deer Park	Cts: 102.01, 102.02, 103.01, 103.03, 103.04, 103.05	6/30/2005		532X	11
Spokane		Geographic	Rockford	Cts: 143	1/14/2003		5358	10
Spokane		Low-Income	Southwestern Spokane (Medical Lake, Airway Heights, Four Lakes, Cheney)	Cts: 104.01, 104.02, 135, 138, 139, 140.01-140.02, 141, 142	6/2/2003		5397	13
Stevens		Low-Income	Stevens County	Entire County	6/13/2005		532V	12

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Thurston		Low-Income - Homeless	Downtown Olympia, portion of westside	Cts 101, 103, 106	5/28/2003		530J	11
Wahkiakum		Geographic	Wahkiakum County	Entire County	1/7/2005		53069	9
Walla Walla		No Designation						
Whatcom		Low-Income Homeless - Migrant	Whatcom County	Entire County	3/2/2005		532T	7
Whitman		Geographic	West Whitman (Rock Lake/La Cross)	CCD: Rock Lake (0009), La Cross (0010)	1/7/2005		5350	13
Whitman		Geographic	Northeast Whitman County	CCD: Rosalia(0009), Steptoe (0007), Tekoa (0009)	6/22/2001	11/9/2005 (Renewal)	530Q	15
Whitman		Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	East Whitman	CCD: Colfax-Palouse (0008), Pullman (0001- 0006) and Uniontown (0010)	8/9/2002		531G	7
Yakima		Migrant/Seasonal	Yakima County	Entire County	3/24/2003		5394	18
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Table 3
DENTAL CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS
BY COUNTY

County	Additional County	Dental Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Adams		Geographic	East Adams (Ritzville, Lind, Washtucna)	Cts: 9501- 9502	2/02/2006		5315	12
Asotin		No Designation						
Benton	Franklin	Low-Income/Migrant	Benton and Franklin Counties	Entire County	9/20/2005		5320	16
Chelan	Douglas	Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker	Chelan and Douglas Counties	Entire County	5/18/2004		5324	14
Clallam	Jefferson	Geographic	West Side Olympic Peninsula	Cts - Clallam: 9802-9804 Jefferson: 9501	3/17/2004		5341	14
Clallam		Low-Income	Port Angeles and Sequim	Cts: 9807 - 9823	9/01/2006		5352	8
Clark		No Designation						
Columbia	Walla Walla	Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	Columbia and Walla Walla County	Entire County	9/26/2002		5321	7
Cowlitz		Low-Income	Cowlitz County	Entire County	9/05/2006		5348	11
Douglas		See Chelan						
Ferry		Geographic	Ferry County	Entire County	2/4/2004		53019	18
Franklin		See Benton						
Garfield		Low-Income/Homeless	Garfield County	Entire County	9/23/2002		5357	5
Grant		Geographic	Lower Grant County (Royal City, Mattawa)	Ct: 9814	4/21/2006		5351	19
Grant		Low-Income - Migrant	Upper and Central Grant County (Grand Coulee, Moses Lake, Warden, George, Quincy)	Cts: 9801 - 9813	9/20/2005		5323	18
Grays Harbor		Low-Income	Grays Harbor	Entire County	3/17/2006		5349	11
Island		Low-Income	North Whidbey Island (Oak Harbor)	Cts: 9701-9709	7/14/2005		5346	11
Jefferson		See Clallam						
King		No Designation						
Kittitas		Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	Kittitas County	Entire County	6/6/2002		5354	17
Klickitat		Low-Income/Migrant	Klickitat County	Entire County	5/26/2006		5336	18
Lewis		Low-Income	Lewis County	Entire County	3/19/2001	1/17/2006 (Renewal)	5347	7

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Lincoln		Low-Income	Lincoln County	Entire County	5/26/2006		5353	16
Mason		Low-Income	Mason County	Entire County	2/02/2006		5324	7
Okanogan		Low-Income	Okanogan County	Entire County	5/11/2005		5387	12
Pacific		Low-Income	Pacific County	Entire County	3/2/2005		5385	12
Pend Oreille		Geographic	Pend Oreille County	Entire County	2/4/2004		53051	11
Pierce		No Designation						
San Juan		No Designation						
Skagit		Geographic	Concrete	Cts: 9510 - 9512	12/19/2005		5391	10
Skagit		Low-Income - Homeless	Central Skagit	Cts: 9508-9509, 9513-9519, 9522-9527	7/13/2005		5322	9
Skamania		Low-Income	Skamania County	Entire County		12/12/2005 (New)		
Snohomish		Geographic	Darrington	Cts: 535.06, 537	1/17/2006		5392	8
Spokane		Low-Income - Homeless	Spokane County	Entire County	9/11/2003		5318	5
Stevens		Low-Income	Stevens County	Entire County	2/12/2004		5381	10
Thurston		Low-Income	South Thurston County (Yelm, Rainier, Tenino, Rochester, Littlerock, pt. of W. Olympia)	Cts: 118.10-.20, 119, 123.10-.30, 124.10, 124.20, 125, 126, 127	10/16/2003		5350	12
Wahkiakum		Geographic	Wahkiakum County	Entire County	2/7/2005		53069	7
Walla Walla	See Columbia							
Whatcom		Low-Income	Whatcom County	Entire County	9/13/2005		5390	6
Whitman		Low-Income Migrant - Homeless	Whitman County	Entire County	8/9/2002		5356	15
Yakima		Low-Income - Migrant	Yakima County	Entire County	3/2/2005		5386	15

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Table 4
MENTAL CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS
BY COUNTY

County	Additional County	Mental Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Adams		Geographic	Adams County	Entire County	1/6/2005		53001	18
Asotin		No Designation						
Benton	Franklin	Geographic	Benton & Franklin County	Entire County	9/20/2005		5315	15
Chelan	Douglas	Geographic	Chelan and Douglas County	Entire County	2/7/2005		5302	15
Clallam		Low-Income	Clallam County	Entire County	3/2/2005		5352	15
Clark		No Designation						
Columbia		Geographic	Columbia County	Entire County	1/17/2006		53013	9
Cowlitz	Wahkiakum	Low-Income	Cowlitz & Wahkiakum County	Entire County	7/13/2005		5322	16
Douglas	See Chelan							
Ferry		Geographic	Ferry County	Entire County	1/21/2005		53019	12
Franklin		See Benton						
Garfield		Geographic	Garfield County	Entire County	1/17/2006		53023	8
Grant		Geographic	Grant County	Entire County	2/7/2005		53025	16
Grays Harbor		Geographic	Grays Harbor County	Entire County	6/6/2006		53027	17
Island		Geographic	Island County	Entire County	2/1/2005		53029	16
Jefferson		Geographic	Jefferson County	Entire County	2/7/2005		53031	14
King		No Designation						
Kitsap		No Designation						
Kittitas		Geographic	Kittitas County	Entire County	11/10/2003		53037	17
Klickitat		Geographic	Klickitat County	Entire County	10/25/2005		53039	19
Lewis		Low-Income	Lewis County	Entire County	3/11/2004		5320	15
Lincoln		Geographic	Lincoln County	Entire County	2/7/2005		53043	8

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Mason		Low-Income	Mason County	Entire County	3/11/2004		5319	15
Okanogan		Geographic	Okanogan County	Entire County	1/6/2005		53047	19
Pacific		Geographic	Pacific County	Entire County	12/19/2005		53049	17
Pend Oreille		Geographic	Pend Oreille County	Entire County	2/7/2005		53051	11
Pierce		No Designation						
San Juan		Geographic	San Juan County	Entire County		4/24/2006 (New)		
Skagit	See Whatcom							
Skamania		Geographic	Skamania County	Entire County	6/6/2006		53059	14
Snohomish		No Designation						
Spokane		Geographic	Spokane County	Deer Park Cts: 101, 102.01- 102.02, 103.01, 103.03-103.05		4/17/2006 (New)		
Spokane		Low-Income/Homeless	Spokane County	Downtown Spokane Cts: 0001-0026, 0028-0033, 0035-0036, 0038-0045, 46.01-46.02, 0047-0048, 105.01, 105.03-105.04, 106.01-106.02, 107-110, 111.01-111.02, 112.01-112.02, 113-123, 125-126, 127.01		4/17/2006 (New)		
Spokane		Geographic	Spokane County	Southeast Spokane County, Cts: 50, 124.01-124.02, 128.01-128.02, 129.01-129.02, 130-131, 132.01-132.02, 133, 134.01, 135, 143.		4/17/2006 (New)		
Spokane		Geographic	Spokane County	Southwest Spokane County Cts: 104.01-104.02, 138-139, 140.01-140.02, 141-142.		4/17/2006 (New)		
Stevens		Geographic	Stevens County	Entire County	3/2/2005		53065	17
Thurston		Geographic	Thurston County	Entire County	2/7/2005		53067	14
Wahkiakum		See Cowlitz						
Walla Walla		Geographic	Walla Walla County	Entire County	9/20/2005		53071	16
Whatcom		Low-Income	Whatcom County	Entire County	8/24/2006			
Whitman		Geographic	Whitman County	Entire County	3/03/2006		53075	16
Yakima		Low-Income	Yakima County	Entire County	11/10/2003		5309	18

(*) Pending withdrawal, no longer meets federal guidelines

<p style="text-align: center;">Table 5 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES</p>			
Correctional Facility Name	Primary Care	Dental Care	Mental Health
Airway Heights Corrections	7/9/2003 - 531H (15)	No Designation	7/9/2003 - 5326 (15)
Clallam Bay Corrections Center	10/2/2003 - 5399 (15)	No Designation	10/2/2003 - 5317 (15)
Correctional Center for Women (Purdy)	2/7/2005 - 5357 (15)	No Designation	No Designation
Coyote Ridge Corrections Center	10/2/2003 - 5380 (21)	10/2/2003 - 5333 (15)	10/2/2003 - 5321 (21)
McNeil Island Corrections Center	10/2/2003 - 5340 (9)	10/2/2003 - 5317 (15)	No Designation
Monroe Correctional Complex (TRU, SOU and WSRU)	5/13/2002 - 531B (15)	10/2/2003 - 5362 (21)	7/14/2005 – 5311 (9)
Stafford Creek Corrections	10/2/2003 - 531Q (21)	10/2/2003 - 5363 (21)	10/2/2003 - 5327 (15)
WA Corrections/Reception Center	11/10/2003 - 5361 (15)	11/10/2003 - 5331 (9)	11/10/2003 - 5312 (15)
WA State Penitentiary	10/2/2003 - 5376 (15)	10/3/2003 - 5330 (9)	10/2/2003 - 5314 (15)
(#) = Score			

**Table 6
MUA/MUP DESIGNATIONS**

County	Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units	Federal ID.	HRSA Score	Designation Date
Adams	MUA	Othello Service Area	Cts: 9503 - 9505	03699	59.1	7-14-1982
Asotin	MUA	Asotin County	Entire County	03664	53.1	4-12-1994
Benton	No Designation					
Chelan	No Designation					
Clallam	MUA	Clallam Bay-Neah Bay Davison Service Area	Cts: 9801 - 9804	03693	58.1	4/15/1982
Clallam	MUP	Low-Income - Port Angeles/Sequim Area	Cts 9806 - 9823	07145	56.7	2/15/2002
Clark	MUA	Inner City Vancouver Service Area	Cts 410.05, 416-419, 421, 423-429	03691	62.3	5-27-1993
Columbia	MUA	Columbia County	Entire County	03665	57.9	
Cowlitz	MUA	Kelso City Service Area	Cts 10, 11	03686	54.0	8-3-1993
Cowlitz	MUA	Cowlitz Service Area: Castle Rock	Ct: 20.01	03666	54.6	unknown
Douglas	MUA	Douglas County	Entire County	03667	59.9	8-14-1984
Ferry	MUA	Ferry County	Entire County	03668	58.1	6/4/1982
Franklin	MUA	Franklin County	Entire County	03669	42.7	9/10/1982
Garfield	MUA	Pomeroy Service Area	Ct: 9702	07048	60.9	7/5/1994
Grant	MUA	Grant County	Entire County	03670	59.9	8/14/1984
Grays Harbor	MUA	Southeastern Grays Harbor Service Area	Cts: 0005-0007	03685	61.4	10/6/1993
Grays Harbor	MUA	Quinalt Service Area	Cts 0001-0003	03671	50.1	4/21/1982
Island	MUA	South Whidbey Service Area	Cts: 9712-9713, 9718-9721	03672	60.9	9/2/1994
Island	MUA	Camano Island Service Area	Cts: 9714-9717	03673	51.2	11/19/1996
Jefferson	MUA	West End	Ct: 9501	03694		4/8/1982
King	MUA	King Service Area - Central Seattle	Cts: 71-73, 80.01-85, 91,92	03696	59.8	5/11/1994
King	MUA	King Service Area - South Seattle	Cts: 100, 101, 103-104, 107-116, 264-265	03695	57.7	6/8/1982
King	GOV	Southern King County - Portions of Kent, Renton, Auburn & Federal Way	Cts: 252-254, 262, 291--298.01, 305.01, 305.03-305.04, 306-308.02, 312.05	03692	GOV	7/29/1992
Kitsap	GOV	Residents - Northernmost Peninsula Service Area (Kingston)	Cts: 901.01-901.02, 906.02	03690	GOV	5/27/1993
Kitsap	MUA	Downtown Bremerton Service Area	Cts: 805-806, 810-12, 813-814	03689	57.9	5/27/1993
Kittitas	MUP	Low-Income - Cle Elum/Manatash Service Area	Cts: 9751, 9752	07147	59.5	2/15/2002
Kittitas	MUP	Low-Inc./Migrant/Homeless in East Kittitas (Ellensburg)	Cts: 9753, 9754.01-9754.02, 9755, 9756, 9757	07208	61.4	5/7/2002
Klickitat	No Designation					
Lewis	GOV	Eastern Lewis	Cts: 9717-9720	03683	GOV	10/7/1993
Lewis	GOV	Western Lewis County	Cts:9701-9716	03684	GOV	10/7/1993
Lincoln	MUA	Wilbur Service Area	Ct: 9603	03674	59.1	
Mason	No Designation					

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County	Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units	Federal ID.	HRSA Score	Designation Date
Okanogan	MUA	Okanogan County	Entire County	03675	55.6	4/6/1990
Pacific	MUA	Pacific Service Area	Entire County	03676	61.0	
Pend Oreille	MUA	Pend Oreille Service Area	Entire County	03677	50.7	
Pierce	MUA	Pierce Service Area	Entire County	03678	61.2	7/8/1982
San Juan	GOV	Orcas Division	Ct: 9601	03679	GOV	7/21/1994
San Juan	MUA	Lopez Service Area	Ct: 9605	03700	unknown	5/18/1994
San Juan	MUA	San Juan Service Area	Cts: 9603, 9604	03701	unknown	5/18/1994
Skagit	No Designation					
Skamania	No Designation					
Snohomish	MUA	Central Everett Service Area	Cts: 402-404, 406-411	03687	61.9	8-27-1992
Snohomish	MUA	West Edmonds Service Area	Ct: 0505	03688	58.9	8-27-1992
Spokane	MUP	Low-Income -Southwest Spokane County	Cts: 104.01, 139.00, 140.01-140.02, 141.00-142.00	05019	61.8	3-31-1999
Spokane	MUA	Spokane County	Cts: 0018, 0020, 0024, 0028, 0032-0036	03697	62.0	5/11/1994
Stevens	MUA	Stevens County	Cts: 9501,9507-9509,511, 9513-9514	03698	55.6	5/11/1994
Thurston	MUP	Low-Income - Downtown Olympia	Cts: 101-104	06183	59.8	2/8/2001
Wahkiakum	No Designation					
Walla Walla	No Designation					
Whatcom	MUP	Low-Income/Homeless - Sumas Service Area	Ct: 0102	07083	61.8	9/13/2001
Whatcom	MUP	Low-Income/Homeless - Point Roberts	Ct: 0110	07087	58.6	9/26/2001
Whatcom	MUP	Low-Income/Homeless - Downtown Bellingham	Cts: 0006.00, 0010.00	07077	55.5	9/13/2001
Whitman	No Designation					
Yakima	MUA	Yakima County	Entire County	03682	60.7	8-4-1992

Appendix 1

PROGRAMS USING FEDERAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA DESIGNATIONS TO QUALIFY

Over 30 federal programs consider federal shortage designations in qualifying criteria. This appendix lists key programs.

National Health Service Corps (NHSC): provides for assignments of federally employed and/or service-obligated physicians, dentists, and other health professionals. The program also provides scholarship and loan repayments to health professionals who agree to serve in the NHSC in HPSA's Practice sites for NHSC must meet other conditions including offering a sliding-fee-scale. For more information on site requirements contact Mary Looker in the Washington Primary Care Office at (360) 236-2808. For general information, call National Health Service Corps hotline (1-800-221-9393) or check their website at <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov>.

Area Health Education Center Program: gives special consideration to centers that would serve HPSA's with higher percentages of underserved minorities; gives funding priority to centers providing substantial training experience in HPSA's. For further information, call (206) 441-7137 for western Washington and (509) 358-7640 for eastern Washington.

Rural Health Clinics Program: provides enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by physician assistants and nurse practitioners in clinics in rural HPSA's, MUAs. For information on applying for Rural Health Clinic status contact the Office of Community and Rural Health, (360) 236-2811 or visit the [Washington State Rural Health Clinic website](#).

Medicare Incentive Payment For Physician's Services Furnished In HPSA's: (Public Law 100-203, Section 4043, as amended): HCFA gives a 10% bonus payment to physicians providing Medicare-reimbursable services within geographic HPSA's. This payment does not apply to population group HPSA's. For more information, call Medicare Provider Enrollment at (515) 974-3690 or the [Noridian HPSA Bonus Payment Website](#).

Medicare Reimbursement for Teleconsultations: Teleconsultations originating in non-metropolitan counties or in primary care geographic HPSA's in a metropolitan county. To learn how to participate, call the Medicare Provider Call Center at (701) 277-6782 and choose Option 2.

Public Health Service Grant Programs: HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions offers several programs designed to encourage health professional training. Funding preference is given to efforts in HPSA's and MUA/MUPs. For more information check out their website at <http://www.hrsa.gov/> or call the HRSA Seattle Field Office at (206) 615-2490.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) grant funds are legislatively required to serve areas or populations designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as medically underserved. Grants for the planning, development, or operation of community health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act are available only to centers that serve designated MUAs or MUPs. For more information contact the Primary Care Office at (360) 236-2808 or visit their website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/primary.htm>

Federally Qualified Health Centers Look-Alikes: Systems of care which meet the definition of a Federally Qualified Health Center contained in Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, but are not funded under that section, and are serving a designated MUA or MUP, are eligible for certification as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). This allows for cost based reimbursement of services to Medicaid eligible. For more information contact the Primary Care Office at (360) 236-2808 or visit their website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/primary.htm>

State Programs Using Federal Designations

J-1 Visa Waiver Program: The State of Washington can request that Visa requirements be waived for up to 20 International Medical Graduates willing to serve in a HPSA or whole county MUA, or MUP. For more information contact the Office of Community and Rural Health J-1 Visa Waiver information number at (360) 236-2814 or Visit our website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/R&R/j1.htm>